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angels should attempt, it were most *heinous* and accursed sacrilege. *Hooker, b. iii. f. 10.*

This is the man should do the bloody deed:  
The image of a wicked *heinous* fault  
Lives in his eye. *Shakespeare's King John.*

As it is a most *heinous*, so it is a most dangerous impiety to despise him that can destroy us. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

*HEINOUSLY*. *adv.* [from *heinous*.] Atrociously; wickedly.

*HEINOUSNESS*. *n. f.* [from *heinous*.] Atrociousness; wickedness.

He who can treat offences provoking to God as jests and trifles, must have very little sense of the *heinousness* of them. *Rogers's Sermons.*

*HEIR*. *n. f.* [*heire*, old Fr. *heres*, Latin.] One that is inheritor of any thing after the present possessor.

An *heir* signifies the eldest, who is, by the laws of England, to have all his father's land. *Locke.*

What lady is that?  
—The *heir* of Alanof, Roseline her name. *Shakespeare.*

That I'll give my voice on Richard's side,  
To bar my master's *heirs* in true descent, *Shakespeare's Richard III.*

God knows, I will not do it. *Shakespeare's Richard III.*

Being *heirs* together of the grace of life. *Pet. iii. 7.*

The young extravagant *heir* had got a new steward, and was resolved to look into his estate before things grew desperate. *Swift.*

Sunk is the hero, and his glory lost,  
And I his *heir* in misery alone. *Pope's Odyssey.*

The *heirs* to titles and large estates have a weakness in their eyes, and a tenderness in their constitutions. *Swift.*

To *HEIR*. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To inherit.

His sons in blooming youth were snatch'd by fate;  
One only daughter *heir'd* the royal state. *Dryden's Æn.*

*HEIRESS*. *n. f.* [from *heir*.] An inheritrix; a woman that inherits.

An *heiress* she, while yet alive;  
All that was her's to him did give. *Waller.*

Æneas, though he married the *heiress* of the crown, yet claimed no title to it during the life of his father-in-law. *Dryden.*

*HEIRLESS*. *adj.* [from *heir*.] Without an heir; wanting one to inherit after him.

I still think of  
The wrong I did myself; which was so much,  
That *heirless* it hath made my kingdom. *Shakespeare's Wint. Tale.*

*HEIRSHIP*. *n. f.* [from *heir*.] The state, character, or privileges of an heir.

A layman appoints an heir or an executor in his will, to build an hospital within a year, under pain of being deprived of his *heirship*. *Ayliffe's Paragon.*

*HEIRLOOM*. *n. f.* [*heir* and *gelo*, goods, Sax.] Any furniture or moveable decreed to descend by inheritance, and therefore inseparable from the freehold.

Achilles' sceptre was of wood,  
Transmitted to the hero's line;  
Thence through a long descent of kings  
Came an *heirloom*, as Homer sings. *Swift.*

*HELD*. The preterite and part pass. of *hold*.

A rich man beginning to fall, is *held* up of friends. *Æschyl.*

If Minerva had not appeared and *held* his hand, he had executed his design. *Dryden.*

*HELIACAL*. *adj.* [*heliacque*, Fr. from *ἥλιος*.] Emerging from the lustre of the sun, or falling into it.

Had they ascribed the heat of the season to this star, they would not have computed from its *heliacal* ascent. *Brown.*

*HELIACALLY*. *adv.* [from *heliacal*.]

From the rising of this star, not cosmically, that is, with the sun, but *heliacally*, that is, its emergence from the rays of the sun, the ancients computed their canicular days. *Brown.*

He is tempestuous in the Summer, when he rises *heliacally*; and rainy in the Winter, when he rises achronically. *Dryden.*

*HELICAL*. *adv.* [*helice*, Fr. from *ἥλιος*.] Spiral; with many circumvolutions.

The screw is a kind of wedge, multiplied or continued by a *helical* revolution about a cylinder, receiving its motion not from any stroke, but from a velocity at one end of it. *Hutton.*

*HELIOID Parabola*, in mathematics, or the parabolic spiral, is a curve which arises from the supposition of the axis of the common Apollonian parabola's being bent round into the periphery of a circle, and is a line then passing through the extremities of the ordinates, which do now converge towards the centre of the said circle. *Harris.*

*HELIOCENTRIC*. *adj.* [*heliocentrique*, Fr. *ἥλιος*, and *κέντρον*.] The *heliocentric* place of a planet is said to be such as it would appear to us from the sun, if our eye were fixed in its centre. *Harris.*

*HELIOSCOPE*. *n. f.* [*helioscope*, Fr. *ἥλιος* and *σκοπεῖν*.] A sort of telescope fitted so as to look on the body of the sun, without offence to the eyes. *Harris.*

*HELIOPTROP*. *n. f.* [*ἥλιος* and *τρέπω*; *heliotrop*, French; *heliotropium*, Latin.] A plant that turns towards the sun; but more particularly the turnsol, or sun-flower.

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'Tis a common observation of flatterers, that they are like the *helioprop*; they open only towards the sun, but shut and contract themselves at night, and in cloudy weather. *Government of the Tongue.*

*HELISPHERICAL*. *adj.* [*helix* and *sphere*.]

The *heliopherical* line is the rhomb line in navigation, and is so called because on the globe it winds round the pole spirally, and still comes nearer and nearer to it, but cannot terminate in it. *Harris.*

*HELIX*. *n. f.* [*helice*, Fr. *ἥλιος*.] A spiral line; a circumvolution.

Find the true inclination of the screw, together with the certain quantity of water which every *helix* does contain. *Wickens's Dredging.*

*HELL*. *n. f.* [*helle*, Saxon.]

1. The place of the devil and wicked souls.

For it is a knell  
That summons thee to heaven, or to hell. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*

If a man were a porter of hell gates, he should have old turning the key. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*

Let none admire  
That riches grow in hell; that soil may best  
Deserve the precious bane. *Milton.*

Hell's black tyrant trembled to behold  
The glorious light he forfeited of old. *Cowley.*

2. The place of separate souls, whether good or bad.

I will go down to my son mourning to hell. *Gen. vi. 35.*

He descended into hell. *Ap. vi. 35.*

3. Temporal death.

The pains of hell came about me; the snares of death overtook me. *Psalms xviii. 4.*

4. The place at a running play to which those who are caught are carried.

Then couples three be straight allotted there;  
They of both ends the middle two do fly;  
The two that in mid-place, hell called were,  
Must strive with waiting foot, and watching eye,  
To catch of them, and them to hell to bear,  
That they, as well as they, hell may supply. *Sidney.*

5. The place into which the taylor throws his shreds.

This trusty squire, he had, as well  
As the bold Trojan knight, seen hell;  
Not with a counterfeit'd pass  
Of golden bough, but true gold lace. *Hudibras, p. i.*

In Covent-garden did a taylor dwell,  
Who might deserve a place in his own hell. *King's Cookery.*

6. The infernal powers.

Much danger first, much did he sustain,  
While Saul and hell crost his strong fate in vain. *Cowley.*

7. It is used in composition by the old writers more than by the modern.

*HELL-BLACK*. *adj.* Black as hell.

The sea, with such a storm as his bare head  
In hell-black night endur'd, would have boil'd up,  
And quench'd the stelled fires. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*

*HELL-BRED*. *adj.* [*hell* and *bred*.] Produced in hell.

Heart cannot think what courage and what cries,  
With soul enfolded smoak and flashing fire,  
The hell-bred beast threw forth unto the skies. *Fairy Queen.*

*HELL-BROTH*. *n. f.* [*hell* and *broth*.] A composition boiled up for infernal purposes.

Adder's fork, and blind worm's stings,  
Lizard's leg, and owlet's wing;  
For a charm of pow'rful trouble,  
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*

*HELL-DOOMED*. *adj.* [*hell* and *doom*.] Consigned to hell.

And reckon't thou thyself with spirits of heav'n,  
Hell-dam'd! and breath't defiance here and scorn,  
Where I reign king? *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. iii.*

*HELL-GOVERNED*. *adj.* Directed by hell.

Earth gape open wide and eat him quick;  
As thou do'st swallow up this good king's blood,  
Which his hell-govern'd arm hath butcher'd. *Shakespeare's R. III.*

*HELL-HATED*. *adj.* Abhorred like hell.

Back do I toss these treasons to thy head,  
With the hell-bated lie o'erwhelm thy heart. *Shakespeare's Lear.*

*HELL-HAUNTED*. *adj.* [*hell* and *haunt*.] Haunted by the devil.

Fierce Osmond clos'd me in the bleeding bark,  
And bid me stand exposed to the bleak winds,  
And Winter's storms, and heav'n's inclemency,  
Bound to the fate of this hell-haunted grove. *Dryden.*

*HELL-HOUND*. *n. f.* [*helle* punb, Saxon.]

1. Dogs of hell.

Thou had'st a Clarence too, and Richard kill'd him:  
From forth the kennel of thy womb hath crept  
A hell-hound, that doth hunt us all to death. *Shakespeare's R. III.*

Now the hell-hounds with superior speed  
Had reach'd the dame, and fast'ning on her side,  
The ground with issuing streams of purple dy'd. *Dryden.*

2. Agent of hell.

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My hell-hounds to lick up the draff, and filth,  
Which man's polluting sin with taint had shed  
On what was pure. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. x.*

*HELL-KITE*. *n. f.* [*hell* and *kite*.] Kite of infernal breed. The term *hell* prefixed to any word notes detestation.

All my pretty ones?

Did you say all? What, all? Oh, hell-kite! all?

What, all my pretty chickens, and their dam,  
At one fell swoop? *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*

*HELLEBORE*. *n. f.* [*helleborus*, Latin.] Christmas flower.

It hath a digitated leaf: the flower consist of several leaves placed orbicularly, and expanding in form of a rose: in the centre of the flower rises the pointal, surrounded about the base with several little horns between the chives and petals, which turn to a fruit, in which the membranaceous husks are gathered into a little head, ending in an horn, opening long-wife, and full of roundish or oval seeds. *Miller.*

*HELLEBORE White*. *n. f.* [*veratrum*, Latin.] A plant.

The flower is naked, consisting of six leaves, expanding in form of a rose: in the middle arises the pointal, surrounded by six threads, which turn to a fruit; in which three membranaceous theaths are gathered into a little head, and are full of oblong seeds resembling a grain of wheat, and compassed by a leafy wing. *Miller.*

There are great doubts whether any of its species be the true *hellebore* of the ancients. *Miller.*

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